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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9529

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FOR ARA/AND

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASIG, CO
SUBJ: INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION 6.2C-2

REF: STATE 203346

EMBASSY BOGOTA SHOULD EVALUATE B&F OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING JOB CONTENT, WITH THE IDEA OF REDUCING FSL STAFFING BY ONE POSITION, AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE DEPARTMENT (ARA/MGT AND M/MO).

RESPONSE:

BOGOTA- ALTHOUGH THE B&F OFFICE MAY APPEAR TO BE OVERSTAFFED, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS TO BE SO. THE SIZE OF THE POST IS ONLY ONE MEASURE IN MAKING A COMPARISON. IN FACT, ONE HAS TO LOOK DEEPER INTO SUCH MATTERS AS NUMBER OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REQUIRING B&F SUPPORT (THERE ARE FOURTEEN IN COLOMBIA), NUMBER OF USG CONTRACTORS REQUIRING LIMITED (I.E. ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE), B&F SUPPORT (SIX U.S. CONTRACTORS), REQUIREMENT FOR ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE SERVICE (NECESSARY DUE TO THE DISCOUNTED DOLLAR AS EXPLAINED IN THE INSPECTORS' MEMORANDUM) THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS RECEIVING USG GRANT FUNDS, AND THE SECOND LARGEST (AND SCHEDULED TO BECOME EVEN LARGER IN SIZE AND SCOPE) DEA AND STATE NARCOTICS CONTROL UNITS. THE B&F OFFICE HAS ASSUMED THE ADDED WORKLOAD OF PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION

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EXCHANGE SERVICE (FORMERLY PROVIDED BY THE BANK) AND PARTIAL SUPPORT OF THE STATE NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT (SNCU) WITHOUT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. FURTHERMORE, ON OCTOBER 1, 1978 OR SOONER, THE B&F OFFICE WILL TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FULL SUPPORT REQUIRED BY THE SNCU, INCLUDING PROJECT ACCOUNTING, WHICH IS NOW ACCOMPLISHED BY USAID, AND WE PLAN TO DO THIS USING ONLY CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED STAFF. WE

ARE PLANNING, THOUGH, LIMITED MECHANIZATION OF ALLOTMENT
ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING AND IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE B&F
STAFFING BY ONE FSL POSITION AND STILL ABSORB THE ADDITIONAL
WORKLOAD MENTIONED ABOVE. HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
MAKE A JUDGMENT ON THIS UNTIL THE SECOND OR THIRD QUARTER
OF FY-1979.
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